

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-21 are rejected.

Claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings, as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

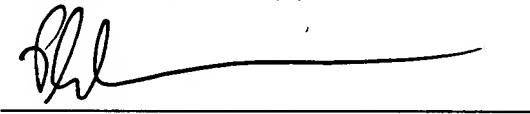
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above amendments and remarks the claims 1-21, as presented, are patentably distinguishable because the cited patents, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach, suggest or render obvious, the present invention. Therefore, Applicant submits that the pending claims are properly allowable, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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